

HAZLERIGG PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th July 2024 at HAZLERIGG VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Councillors Locke (Chair), Barbour, Down & Fairley.

In attendance: 12 residents, Tom Winstanley, Amy Ward & Dominic Smith (Barratt Homes) & Ali Lamb (Clerk)

AGENDA

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome & apologies Cllr Locke welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Garbett and Ward Cllrs Herridge & Campion.</p>	
<p>2. Brunton Quarry development proposals</p> <p>Three staff from Barratt Homes were in attendance and gave a presentation about the development and answered questions.</p> <p>A planning application for 140 houses on the land is going to Planning Committee in December 2024. The build time for the development is expected to be 3 to 4 years. The plans include landscaping, sustainable drainage areas and play areas with trim trial type equipment in them. In all, there are 1.1 hectares of open space in the development.</p> <p>Access to the development will be from the A1.</p> <p>The 140 houses will include 2,3- and 4-bedroom houses – 14 will be affordable properties to buy and 7 for rent.</p> <p>35 of the properties will be built to lifetime homes standards which makes them adaptable and accessible (space for stair lifts and wider doorways etc).</p> <p>? How much will the houses cost – the 14 affordable homes for sale will be sold at 20 – 30% below market value, this is a lifetime cap and will be reflected in subsequent sales. There are no bungalows planned for the development. Barrett don't know what the sale price of the properties will be yet.</p> <p>? What is the construction method – the houses will be timber framed which means the build time is much shorter.</p> <p>It is expected that the development will create 8 jobs and bring a range of economic benefits such as council tax revenue.</p> <p>Originally the plans were for 164 houses, but this has been reduced to 140 to increase the 'green feel' of the development.</p> <p>The development is designed to comply with new standards in biodiversity, it provides a 10% improvement on previous standards with measures to deliver habitat enhancement and sustainability such as solar panels, EV charging points and water recycling.</p> <p>Access for water services including sewers is required through High Ridge – Barratt intend to minimise the disruption to High Ridge by placing all the services in one, 1.5m wide trench.</p> <p>A resident noted that a trench for services was dug some years ago down the A1 side of High Ridge – Barratt are unaware of this, but they will investigate.</p> <p>A resident said they objected to High Ridge being used for this purpose and asked if there were alternatives.</p>	

<p>Barratt confirmed that 6 other options have been explored with Northumbrian Water Limited, but they have concluded that High Ridge is the best option.</p> <p>The Parish Council is the land owner, but utilities works are protected by law and the Parish Council could not prevent the work taking place.</p> <p>A resident noted that there were ongoing issues with gas works near the A1 bridge.</p> <p>? A resident asked what level of disruption could be expected from the water services works – it was suggested that the work on the field could take around a month to complete and would be followed by connections to existing services in Coach Lane.</p> <p>? is there any allotment provision with in the new development – there is no provision on site, but Barratt have been asked for a contribution to fund other local provision.</p> <p>In terms of any Section 106 contributions, the desire to monitor spend was noted.</p> <p>? on archaeological remains, it was noted that screening would take place in advance of the trenching work taking place.</p> <p>It was agreed that the presentation material provided by Barratt Homes would be added to the Parish Councils website.</p> <p>Cllr Locke thanked the Barratt Homes representatives for their presentation.</p>	Clerk
<p>3. Boundary Commission Consultation – proposed ward boundary changes and ward names</p> <p>The proposals can be viewed on the Boundary Commission website, the consultation closes on 16th September 2024.</p> <p>Whilst the Parish Council regretted that the 3 villages would no longer be in the same ward under these proposals, they understood that the pressure to create wards with equal number of voters in each meant that a split was inevitable.</p> <p>Under the proposal, Hazlerigg and Brunswick Parishes would remain wholly with in the same ward (Castle Ward) together with the Great Park.</p> <p>The boundary of the new ward can be described as the Brunswick PC area to the north; Hazlerigg PC in the middle; with the southern area bounded by the A1 to the east, Brunton Lane to the west and Kingston Park Road to the south.</p> <p>The Parish Council decided to support the proposal and asked the Clerk to make their submission to the Boundary Commission.</p> <p>A resident asked about the process for reconfiguring Parish boundaries, and it was confirmed that following the conclusion of the ward boundary review, Newcastle City Council could be asked to conduct a Community Governance Review looking at Parish boundaries.</p>	Clerk
<p>4. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2024 were agreed and signed by Cllr Locke.</p>	
<p>5. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda - none.</p>	
<p>6. Issues raise by residents</p> <p><u>High Ridge</u> – residents raised concerns about the future of the land and protecting the wild life that uses it.</p> <p>It was confirmed by the Clerk that the ownership of the land would be registered in February 2025 following an update from the Land Registry team.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that Northumberland Wildlife Trust had undertaken a survey of the land and that their report would be added to the Parish Council’s website.</p> <p>Cllr Locke reported that she had met with NCC’s grass cutting manager and agreed a cutting regime that included the football pitch being cut 8 times a year, the surrounding</p>	Clerk

<p>meadow being cut twice a year with the Grillo grass cutter which collects the clippings (the clippings will be tipped in a corner of the field). Wildlife strips will be left uncut along the A1 side and the back of the meadow.</p> <p><u>Graffiti</u> – a resident raised the issue of graffiti in the underpass again. Cllr Avaei agreed to report this.</p> <p><u>Bus services</u> – residents raised their dissatisfaction with services in the village. Cllr Avaei said that Ward Cllrs were meeting with Nexus next week and would be discussing the problems with them. Ultimately, he noted that the North East Mayor was working towards bringing bus operations back into public ownership.</p>	<p>Cllr Avaei</p>
<p>7. Actions / updates from Ward Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Avaei reported that the Ward Committee grants programme had opened for this financial year – the total budget is £7,500.</p> <p>A planter has been provided for the Ogle Avenue roundabout.</p> <p>The issue of fly tipping at the back of Castle Street was also raised by Cllr Down but seems to be caught up in the transition of responsibilities between YHN and the City Council. Ideally the area should be permanently closed off to prevent further fly tipping taking place.</p> <p>Cllr Fairley also asked about any plans for a pop recycling skip which Cllr Campion had previously mentioned – Cllr Avaei will follow this up with him.</p>	<p>Cllr Avaei</p>
<p>8. World Wars Commemorations</p> <p>Cllrs Down & Barbour have researched a list of over 20 names of veterans with local connections – 16 of which had addresses in the village.</p> <p>Their research has confirmed that the commemorative plaque from the demolished Methodist Church in the village has been lost. It was agreed that the names of the veterans would be shared on the village Facebook page with an appeal for more information about them.</p> <p>It was noted that their names do appear on other local memorials as well.</p> <p>The aim is to conclude the research by the end of September and arrange commemorations on Remembrance Sunday in November.</p>	<p>Cllrs Fairley & Locke</p>
<p>9. Police Matters</p> <p><u>Crime Stats March 24</u> – 4 reported crimes:</p> <p>On or near Windt Street – 1 x ASB; 1 x violence or sexual offense.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Charles Street – 1 x burglary</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Lieven Street – 1 x violence or sexual offense.</p> <p><u>Crime Stats April 24</u> – 5 reported crimes:</p> <p>On or near Arkle Street – 2 x violence or sexual offense; 2 x other crimes.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Windt Street – 1 x ASB.</p> <p><u>Crime Stats May 24</u> – 7 reported crimes:</p> <p>On or near Ferguson Crescent – 1 x violence or sexual offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Castle Street - 1 x violence or sexual offense</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Matfen Avenue - 1 x ASB</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ogle Avenue – 1 x criminal damage or arson</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Coach Lane – 1 x other crime</p>	

<p>Enid Street - 1 x ASB</p> <p>Charles Street - 1 x violence or sexual offense</p> <p>It was also noted that there had been reports of car doors being tried again.</p>	
<p>10. Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Registry (previously noted) • Parks Forum – meeting reminder; June update and Race for Life Event poster. • Director of Operations NCC – replies to enquiries from HPC – Cllr Locke noted the need for the Parish Council to discuss the powers of the Parish Council highlighted in these letters and the glyphosate weed killing in the village that NCC deny responsibility for. Separate meeting in September to be arranged. • Planning Committee – change of meeting date for the Cell B1 application (now 16.8.24) • Northern Gas Networks – Stakeholder Conference – details to be forwarded to all Parish Councillors. • Lithium Battery Safety Campaign – request for support – Clerk to reply. • Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter • Resident email about parking concerns. • Resident phone call about weeds at Oakland Grange – contact details to be shared with Cllr Avaei. • Urban Green – reply to questions raised in January. • Invitation to send an observer to NCC’s newly formed Audit & Standards Committee – Cllr Down attended and reported back on the July meeting and will attend future meetings. • Newcastle Youth Fund – funding applications are now open. 	<p>All Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk / Cllr Avaei</p>
<p>11. Financial matters</p> <p>Current banking position after tonight’s cheques -:£11,624.93</p> <p>Cheques authorised for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerk £164.72; HMRC £41.20 - Hay Rake - £75 - Hire of hall (Bee’s Needs Event) - £30 - Paint for goal posts - £16.99 	
<p>12. Environment, Planning & Highways</p> <p>Litter – the location of the proposed new bin funded by the airport was discussed following NCC’s reluctance to support a new bin in the lay by. It was agreed to suggest to them that the bin be sited next to the seat at the end of Coach Lane. The next litter pick will be in September.</p> <p>Orchard / new trees watering – conversations with NCC’s grass cutting manager indicated that they would now be watering the trees. Cllr Down asked if there would be replacement trees provided because our allocation had been planted in the wrong place. Cllr Locke agreed to take this up with the Tree Officer.</p> <p>Speeding, road safety and traffic management – NCC have provided a report about the data collected during the week of speed surveys in June. The findings conclude that the speed bumps are doing their job and no further action is required y NCC. This does not match the experience of residents and it was agreed to convey this to the officer and request a copy of the raw data.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Locke</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>It was reported that the new speed sign design had been submitted to NCC to be made up and that NCC proposed to mount it on the existing welcome sign pole and remove the original short sign post.</p> <p>Elliot Walk – an email from NCC’s Director of Operations and the misplaced 30mph sign will be discussed in September at an informal meeting.</p> <p>Strawberry Terrace – there is an abandoned, untaxed vehicle parked there. It is private land, so it was suggested that the resident who raised this is asked to report it to the Police.</p>	<p>Cllr Fairley</p>
<p>13. Other issues raised by Councillors</p> <p>A resident has complained about the condition of the footpath near High Ridge – it was agreed to include a walkabout in the informal September meeting.</p> <p>Garages – concerns were raised about the process for renting a garage. Previously there had been a waiting list but recent reports indicate that they are now being rented on a first come, first served basis. It was agreed to seek clarity from NCC about the process.</p>	

**Next meeting of Hazlerigg Parish Council will be held on Thursday 26th
September 2024 at Hazlerigg District Memorial Hall at 6pm.**